

2 17. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said partition member includes a tray covered by a stretch film wrapping, said tray and said stretch film wrapping enclosing said second compartment.

3 18. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said non-barrier portion of said partition member has a rate of oxygen permeability greater than about 1000 cubic centimeters per 100 square inches in 24 hours.

4 19. (New) The package of claim ³18, wherein said outer wall has a rate of oxygen permeability less than about 0.1 cubic centimeters per 100 square inches in 24 hours.

B 5 20. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said oxygen scavenger is constructed to reduce a level of said residual oxygen to less than about 0.05 percent within 90 minutes after flushing said first compartment.

6 21. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said oxygen scavenger includes an oxygen-absorbing packet disposed within said first compartment.

7 22. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said oxygen scavenger includes an oxygen-absorbing material integrated into the material used to form said partition member.

8 23. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said outer wall includes a plastic bag.

9 24. (New) The package of claim ¹16, wherein said retail cut of raw meat is substantially totally enclosed within said second compartment.

Sub B2 25. (New) A method of manufacturing a modified atmosphere package having first and second compartments separated by a partition member, said partition member including a non-barrier portion substantially permeable to oxygen, said first and second compartments being encompassed by an outer wall substantially impermeable to oxygen, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a retail cut of raw meat within said second compartment;
sealing said second compartment;
substantially removing oxygen from said first compartment solely by flushing said first compartment with one or more gases;
supplying said first compartment with an oxygen scavenger to absorb residual oxygen within said first compartment;